

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 26, 2002

Place: Room 19 - Reagan Room

Convened: 9:45 AM

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Adjourned: 10:56 AM

Present: Senators Schuerer-CH, Ziemann-VC, Drake, Hansen
Representatives Raecker-CH, Sievers-VC, Connors-RM, Chiodo, Elgin, Klemme, O'Brien,
TaylorTE, Tyrrell

Absent:

Excused: Flynn-RM

Co-Chair Representative Raecker called the meeting of the Administration and Regulation joint Appropriations subcommittee to order. Roll was taken. Senator Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, April 16, 2001, while noting two special sessions of the full body had an impact on the budget bill. Minutes were approved.

Noting new staff members present, Representative Raecker asked for introductions from all in attendance.

Representative Raecker briefly reviewed the committee meetings agenda and timetable.

Ron Robinson from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau presented a brief overview of the Governor's budget request (Blue Book). FY2002 Budget Adjustment Bill (Senate Study Bill 3179) was distributed and noted as the most current. Questions followed and Mr. Robinson was thanked for his attendance.

Secretary of State Chet Culver followed with a discussion of the budget for their office. For the 2002/2003 budget, Secretary Culver noted the need for action on House Study Bill 537, and specifically the sections allowing the office to 1) collect a portion of fees generated by UCC termination fees, which would be approximately \$100,000, and, 2) providing for coverage of credit card processing fees incurred with electronic filings, would enable their budget to balance. He stated the office is developing incentives and experiencing a positive response to electronic filing of for-profit biennial reports. Representative Elgin suggested the office find an incentive for non-profits to do so, also.

Kay Halloran, Director of the Professional Licensing and Regulation Division of the Department of Commerce, was present to discuss the proposed reassignment of her division to the Office of the Secretary of State. While the office would not move from its existing space, having the Secretary of State's office perform the administrative services function for that division would save approximately \$80,000 as they are currently paying a disproportionate share to the Commerce Department Administrative Services Division. It would also enable all licensing to be accomplished in one area.

Senator Schuerer questioned Secretary Culver as to funding of Voter Registration Drives and the Iowa Student Political Awareness Club (ISPAC). Secretary Culver responded election funds and

corporate sponsors fund Voter Registration Drives; the ISPAC is no longer a budgeted item and is supported by the private sector.

Following additional question and discussion, Representative Raecker thanked Secretary Culver and Director Halloran for their attendance.

Representative Klemme moved to arise at 10:56. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Raecker, secretary for Representative Raecker